**OFA Board Meeting**

**Sept. 28, 2023**

**10am Pacific time**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

 **HPE / John Byrne**

**Huawei / Steve Langridge**

**IBM / Bernard Metzler**

**Intel / Phil Cayton**

**LLNL / Matt Leininger**

Mellanox / Gilad Shainer

Oak Ridge / Chris Zimmer

**Sandia / Mike Aguilar**

Others:

Jim Ryan

Paul Grun

**IBM/Red Hat / Doug Ledford**

Intel / Tatyana Nikolova

1. Opens, Agenda Bashing
2. Approve Board minutes from [Sept. 21, 202](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/minutes_board/2023/OFABoardMinutes_20230921.docx)3
	* Huawei moves to approve minutes, Sandia seconds – Unanimously approved
3. Proposal: Amendment to Membership Policy for granting access to partner shared confidential, pre-release information to the Voting member level and above
	* Huawei raised the need to address the following items:
		1. <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/about-bis/newsroom/press-releases/3127-2022-09-08-bis-press-release-standards-rule/file>
		2. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/09/2022-19415/authorization-of-certain-items-to-entities-on-the-entity-list-in-the-context-of-specific-standards>
	* A minor edit to the wording of the proposal was made to satisfy the information presented by Huawei
	* New wording is as such:
	* “Have access to confidential, pre-release information that has no BIS license requirements shared from OFA partners to the OFA as part of our joint cooperative relationships.”
	* Intel moves to approve, Huawei seconds
		1. Approved by unanimous acclaim
4. Potential structured approach to a membership drive
	* Need to answer some questions about how we fit into certain use case scenarios
	* Proposed: spend the time between now and SC23 helping to refine our position statement in regards to various industry trends and focus areas
	* Proposed: gather contacts at SC23
	* Proposed: come together after SC23 and compare contacts gathered at SC23 with our existing contacts and attempt to move forward on gathering new members and improving participation in various projects
	* Proposed: use XWG meetings between now and SC23 to brainstorm and improve our position statements
	* Ultra Ethernet Consortium – Focus on a network for AI. How do we/them relate to each other? Competitors, collaborators, dance partners?
	* Steve to research and present on the union of AI and RDMA/OpenFabrics at an upcoming XWG
	* Doug to get the OpenFabrics Marketing Gold Deck revisited so that we can have an up to date place to put in new information relating to talking points